



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 19, 2014
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Town Clerk David Witter,
Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph, and Doug Scott; Township Attorney Cory Easton;
Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne, Anthony Rizzo, Bobby Rizzo, Christina Rizzo, Sean Burke and Joseph Frey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that the O'Fallon Historical Society sent a letter requesting a \$1,000 donation. Ahle said this will be put on the Annual Town Meeting agenda.

The board received a copy of the article written up in the O'Fallon Progress (February 13, 2014) regarding the monthly Rummage Sale held at the Township and the proceeds benefiting the Food Pantry along with other local charitable organizations.

Mentioned at a previous meeting, the Land Dedication for Memorial Hospital – East is on March 9, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. Anybody interested in attending must RSVP by March 1, 2014.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	36,611.80
General Assistance Fund	\$	714.64

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to authorize the Supervisor's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Page 1 of 5



Trustee Gary Hursey questioned an entry on the Town Fund Vendor Payment Journal. A funds transfer entry had the wrong payee listed. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup corrected the entry immediately.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Per Highway Commissioner Mark Downs "RaDAR", the Road District had done the following during the weeks of February 3, 2014 through February 16, 2014:

(See attachment A)

Downs said he received and signed a contract with C & K Heating and Cooling to upgrade the heating system in the garage. This will also allow the road district to utilize the wash bay to clean the vehicles. Trustee Hursey asked what the cost is. Downs said the project just came in under \$10,000. The older equipment is not energy efficient, so with the newer equipment, Downs said they should save money. Discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked how the salt supply is holding up. Downs said it seems every time a truck load comes in, it gets loaded up and used. He is not worried about running out though.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	44,891.67
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	132,348.65

Trustee Doug Scott asked about the diesel fuel bill and what "home kerosene" was. Downs explained that the kerosene is added to prevent the fuel from gelling. It also referred to as "winter mix". Scott asked what the "nozzle charge" was for. Downs said he needed to purchase a new one for the pump.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner's bills to be paid accordingly as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey - aye; Bevirt - aye; Ahle - aye; Joseph - aye; Scott - aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt informed the board that the Boy Scouts from O'Fallon Troop 94 are currently working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Part of the requirements is to attend a public meeting so Bevirt invited the troop to a Township meeting to fulfill the requirement.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the February 13th dinner sold 114 tickets and was well attended.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the next Youth Committee meeting will be on Monday February 24th at 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt reported all the contracts have been received for the entertainment. Most have been signed and sent out. Letters have been sent out for donations. So far, \$150 in cash donations and gift cards have been received.

Trustee Doug Scott asked Bevirt to explain to young guests in attendance what the After Prom consists of. Bevirt explained to the group how the After Prom Party is largely sponsored by the O'Fallon Township and provides a safe environment for the students to come to and enjoy themselves from 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. usually at St. Clair Bowl. Donations go towards entertainment, prizes and food. For this program to succeed, it depends largely on donations and volunteers from the Community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle said Kruep Construction had the contractor that builds the equipment come out to the Township to look at what is needed. When the equipment is ready, work will begin which should take a day to a day and a half.

Trustee Bevirt asked if Kruep Construction has ever had the chance to look at the roof. Ahle said he hasn't yet but will be real soon. Bevirt added he is taking into consideration the weather has been bad, but now it is getting into the rainy season. Even a temporary fix would suffice.

Trustee Doug Scott wanted to remind the board the St. Clair County Township Officials Association quarterly meeting will be held at the Millstadt VFW on Thursday, February 20th 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Ahle wanted to update the board on the electrical work being done in and around the building. MAC Electric did the work on the lights inside the building that need repaired or replaced. The one in the front foyer, the ballast was melted and fortunately, according to the electrician, the light was shorting out and could have possibly started a fire. There is some work to do on the outside fixtures which Ahle wants to get switched over to 'dusk to dawn' settings instead of timers. These repairs will be done here in the very near future.

Supervisor Ahle and Highway Commissioner Downs have spoke with one or two residents who live on the south side of East State Street regarding an Intergovernmental Grant the Township is applying for in order to get the dwellings on sanitary sewer from septic systems. Ahle said he has received a positive response from the residents. He told the residents to tell their neighbors and if they have any questions or comments, either call him (Ahle) or, come to a meeting and discuss it.

Trustee Scott said when the new line went through the alley between Second and Third Streets, the residents had to have PVC pipe from their home out to the new line at their own expense. Downs said he wants to make it clear to the residents if they do get on city sewer, they will then be receiving a monthly bill. Downs suggested a letter to the residents with pertinent information about the application for the grant. A discussion followed regarding a "tap-in" fee for the residents. Ahle said there wasn't one when the work on Behrens and Carson Dr. was done. Downs said he believes the fee should be included in the grant. A discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ahle said at the last meeting he informed the board that he and Downs met on January 29th with TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) representative Matt Knight to review property and coverage. Since that meeting, they have received a thank you letter from TOIRMA insurance which covers the hall, garages, road district equipment, Food Pantry, the Township building and all contents. The elected officials also have a \$10,000 accidental death benefit. The current loss ratio for the Township is 76.44%. This information with a breakdown of everything is on file in the office to any one interested. After speaking with the representative, Ahle thinks the contents on only the Township building and the Food Pantry should be raised \$10,000 more with no increase in premium. A discussion followed. Ahle said the paperwork will be filled out for the increase. The policy will renew on June 1, 2014.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted Debbie Arell-Martinez, Executive Director of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of their monthly luncheon on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. (*requesting fees be waived*).

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to waive the rental fees and approve the hall rental request submitted by the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

A request has been from the Jo Smith of the O'Fallon Women's Club to relocate their monthly meeting venue to the Township beginning in September. Ahle said they will pay the regular fee for their meetings, but will waive the fee for use of the kitchen. The meetings will take place every 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. This eliminates the need for a hall monitor since it is during business hours.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the hall rental request and waive the fee for use of the kitchen submitted by the O'Fallon-Women's Club and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Town Clerk David Witter added that March 5th when the Chamber of Commerce will meet here, they will serve soup in connection with the Empty Bowl Luncheon. The Women's Club is having their 4th Annual Empty Bowl Luncheon at the Katy Cavins Center from 11:00 A.M. – 2: 00 P.M. the same day. This consists of a simple meal of bread, soup and water with 100% of the profits going to the O'Fallon/Shiloh Food Pantry.

Attendee Christina Rizzo asked Highway Commissioner Downs if he snow plows all O'Fallon streets. Downs said he does not. Most of his roads are rural however he does work in conjunction with the City and assists with some of the subdivisions that have been annexed. Mostly rural though.

Trustee Gary Hursey informed the Scouts about receiving grant money. He told them this is how the Food Pantry came to be at the Township. They would have shut down if the Township had not applied for a grant to have a building constructed. The Pantry is a very important with helping the Community.

Ahle said through TOIRMA, they have to put together a legal Indemnification Agreement between the Township and the Food Pantry to protect everybody.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kenny Joseph to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David A. Witter
Town Clerk